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# BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES NEARING THE ITALIAN FRONT FOR GREAT BATTLE ON PLAINS

**French Foreign Minister Declares  
Mackensen's Offensive Will Be  
Stopped—Cadorna's Rear Guards  
Delay Teutons.**

M. Jules Cambon, of the Foreign Office, expressed his firm conviction that the Italians, with this Allied assistance, would succeed in stopping the Austro-German invasion.

The movements of our armies from the Carnic Alps are taking place in accordance with the intentions of our leadership, says to-day's official report.

### Italian Rear Guards Hold Back Mackensen's Advance.

ROME, Oct. 31.—There were various engagements among the hills and along the canals between the Italians and the invading Austro-German troops yesterday, says the War Office.

announcement to-day. The Italian covering units and cavalry permitted the other troops to continue to move toward their new line.

Premier Orlando, who has just taken office, to-day sent the following telegram to General Cadorna:

"Italians, profiting by their country's invasion, have composed their internal dissensions, enhancing their energies and their

unshakable determination. As the people hailed the army when victorious, they now draw closer to it in its hour of adversity."

and Austrian drive to come to a halt on the flood-swollen banks of the Tagliamento River. Reports from the front to-day declared the river was a roaring torrent which it was confidently believed would offer a formidable barrier of defense.

French and British gunners, co-operating with the Italian troops, have been of tremendous moral support to Gen. Cadorna's men.

has succeeded in saving the bulk of the force which occupied positions south of Tolmino, as during the last two days Berlin has made no claim of additional captures of large numbers of prisoners and guns. Fighting is less than 15 miles

guns. Some is less than 10 miles from the Tagliamento, and if the Italian commander is to make a stand there heavy fighting along that line should take place within a day or two at the latest.]

Vittorio Orlando, the new Italian Premier, has three sons at the front. One was on the Bainsizza Plateau when the recent battle began, and it is not known what has become of him. A fourth son of the Premier,

who was in training for machine-gun service, started for the front on the day the offensive was launched.

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**Cadorna Is Seeking to Outwit**

**Mackensen as Troops Retreat.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Through-  
out the plains and passes of northern  
Italy to-day Italian and Austro-Ger-  
man armies are engaged in bloody

The Italian people, official cables de-